

Introduced by Senator Hancock

February 15, 2013

An act to add Section 60200.9 to the Education Code, relating to instructional materials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 300, as introduced, Hancock. Instructional materials: revised curriculum framework: science.

Existing law prohibits the State Board of Education from adopting instructional materials until the 2015–16 school year.

This bill would require the state board to consider the adoption of a revised curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials in science on or before November 30, 2015, and would require the revised curriculum framework to be based on specified science content standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (a) California has committed itself to adopting new science
- 4 standards based on the Next Generation Science Standards. Under
- 5 current law, the State Board of Education must adopt, reject, or
- 6 modify the new science standards by November 30, 2013.
- 7 (b) Curriculum frameworks provide necessary support for
- 8 teachers, administrators, and the public for the implementation of
- 9 content standards. Development of curriculum frameworks in

1 science is currently suspended through July 1, 2015, pursuant to
2 Section 60200.7 of the Education Code.

3 (c) The adoption of an updated curriculum framework does not
4 mandate the purchase of new instructional materials, but provides
5 guidance for the purchase of updated supplemental instructional
6 materials and does not result in automatic new costs to the state
7 or local educational agencies.

8 SEC. 2. Section 60200.9 is added to the Education Code, to
9 read:

10 60200.9. Notwithstanding Section 60200.7, on or before
11 November 30, 2015, the state board shall consider the adoption of
12 a revised curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for
13 instructional materials in science. The revised curriculum
14 framework shall be based on the science content standards adopted
15 pursuant to Section 60605.85.